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Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart Retires

At the completion of his third term as the 17th Sheriff of Anoka County, Sheriff James Stuart officially retires effective January 3, 2023. After serving as a Marine, Sheriff Stuart spent most of his 30+ year law enforcement career with the sheriff's office as he advanced through various ranks and responsibilities. During his tenure as a supervisor and as a command staff member, he was responsible for the supervision and oversight of Patrol, Field Training Operations, K-9, Honor Guard, and Civil Process Units. He oversaw the Office of Professional Standards, The S.W.A.T. Team, and later the Patrol and Administrative Divisions before being elected as sheriff in 2011.

"To serve a career alongside the selfless public safety professionals at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office has been an honor. They remain second to none. Then to be able to spend three terms as the elected sheriff of the county is a unique privilege that I will never forget," reflects Stuart. "The people of Anoka County have been incredibly supportive, and I greatly appreciate the many partnerships and friendships that have developed. As I leave office, I feel richly blessed and grateful."



Sheriff Stuart has been a member and leader of multiple organizations including the president of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, vice-president of the National Sheriffs' Association, secretary/treasurer for the Joint Law Enforcement Council, and the Executive Committee for the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Sheriff Stuart also serves as a board member for The Frontline Foundation, MN Adult & Teen Challenge, and Play to Your Strengths.

Despite retiring as sheriff, Sheriff Stuart remains committed to advocating and supporting public safety efforts across the State of Minnesota and the United States of America. In March of 2023, Sheriff Stuart will begin his next professional chapter as the executive director of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association.

Staff of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office thank Sheriff Stuart for his commitment to providing the best possible services to the Anoka County community, State of Minnesota, and law enforcement profession.

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